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Claims 9-12, 14, 19, 23-45, 47, 48, 50 and 51 are pending in this application, with claims 9-12, 23, 27, 32, 37, 47, and 50 being independent. Claims 23-45 have been previously withdrawn.

Independent claims 9 and 10 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Terada (U.S. Patent No. 6,280,559) in view of Bando (U.S. Patent No. 5,276,999) and Yoneda (U.S. Patent No. 6,392,340).

Independent claim 9 recites: "forming a light emitting element emitting red light, a light emitting element emitting green light and a light emitting element emitting blue light at a front surface of a substrate" and "bonding a red color filter adjacent to the light emitting element emitting red light, a green color filter adjacent to the light emitting element emitting green light and a blue color filter adjacent to the light emitting element emitting blue light at the polished back surface of the substrate." Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9 because neither Terada, Bando, Yoneda, nor any _proper_ combination of the three describes or suggests forming the recited red, green, and blue light emitting elements at a front surface of a substrate and bonding a red color filter, a green color filter, and a blue color filter adjacent to the red light emitting element, the green light emitting element, and the blue light emitting element, respectively, at a back surface of the same substrate.

Terrada describes forming an EL device portion 34, which the Examiner equates to the recited light emitting element, at one surface 61 of the main substrate 33. See col. 15, lines 40-51. As acknowledged by the Examiner, the EL device portion 34, however, does not include red, green, and blue light emitting elements that _emit red, green, and blue light_ and are adjacent to